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Hi Rich:

It's nice to hear from you and to learn that you're working on California's aquatic sites.
Let's try to schedule a call on Tuesday, 2/7.
My calendar is relatively open that day, so go ahead and propose 2-3 timeslots that would be convenient for you.

I'm somewhat familiar with the State Wetlands Policy, and have a working knowledge of the Delta Conveyance proposals.
Once we talk, and I have a better sense of your inquiry and information needs, perhaps I'll refer you to others.

As you may know, there's a widespread agreement that the Delta's "plumbing" needs fixing. Just how to do so remains the big question.
The current effort is called the Bay Delta Conservation Plan which is essentially a HCP/NCCP process that would encompass a change in the point-of-diversion of freshwater from the Delta (to more directly access surface waters from the Sacramento River Basin). It's an enormously complex and not entirely intuitive approach to the problem, and the ramifications to 401 and 404 permitting are not clear. An attempt was made to at least align the NEPA/404 checkpoints along the lines of the MOUs for HSR and surface transportation, but DWR and the Corps have not been able to reach a similar accord for BDCP.

Please let me know what materials you'd like me to read on wetlands, monitoring, etc. prior to our call so I'm reasonably cogent.

All the Best, Tim

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Hey Tim

It has been a long while since we chatted. and I hope that you're doing well. And, indeed, I am still doing the wetland program thing.

Over the last year, a lot my work has shifted to collaborating with Region 9 staff on several 404 projects (HSR and Willits Bypass). However, my main focus in on development of the State's new Wetland Area Protection Policy, including a new dredge/fill rule. My state contact is Bill Orme.

And on that note, I'd like to see if you have time for us to have a little discussion about the Delta. Jason Brush suggested that I reach-out to you.

Are you available for a call sometime the week of Feb 6?

I am interested in weaving into the Delta story components of the emerging State Policy. The focus of effort is to examine how monitoring and assessment information can be used to inform 404/401 decision-making including mitigation i.e., the Wetland and Riparian Area Monitoring Plan (WRAMP).

As further background, I have attached a short briefing note that I prepared for Jason on my overall "quest." Dave Evans has approved and supports the collaborate work in Region.9 (not specifically Delta).

I really look forward to speaking with you. I can only imagine the stories you can tell about the Delta Conveyance Project and the ANPR.

Best regards,

Rich

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